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Universal-International presents A Hammer Film Production
PETER CUSHING
DRACULA
Also starring MICHAEL GOUGH
and MELISSA STRIBLING
with CHRISTOPHER LEE as Dracula
(Cert. X) Adults only
In Eastman Colour processed by Technicolor
Screenplay by JIMMY SANGSTER Associate Producer ANTHONY NELSON-KEYS
Produced by ANTHONY HINDS Directed by TERENCE FISHER
Executive Producer MICHAEL CARRERAS
Distributed by Rank Film Distributors Ltd.
DON'T DARE SEE IT ALONE!

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2008: a year in stamps

People all over the world collect Royal Mail's Special Stamps and it's easy to see why these miniature masterpieces are so popular.

For almost five decades we have been celebrating important historical events, heroic achievements and famous anniversaries; capturing the unique diversity of our heritage and culture by using some of the world's greatest designers and photographers.

Flick through the pages of our Guide Update and you'll see why, whether it's ancient times or modern day, Special Stamps are here to bring our lives into focus.

Ah Mr Bond, we've been expecting you...
We always like to start the stamp year with bang and 2008 was no different. We marked the centenary of Ian Fleming's birth with six stamps featuring some of his most famous James Bond novels.

Next it was the turn of man's best friend to move into the spotlight, as we looked at the role of the UK's working dogs, before launching The Houses of Lancaster and York, the first in our major six-issue historical series, Kings and Queens.

Coming up...
Our stamp year began with the world's most famous master spy and it ends with an air of intrigue too, as we offer only the smallest of clues for the design of our most popular issue, Christmas.

But before we get too festive, too early, sit back and we'll take you on a grand tour of the remaining Special Stamp issues of 2008, giving you a chance to see our world famous miniature works of art along the way.

We begin our journey by discovering some rare and beautiful bugs on our Insects stamps before glimpsing inside some of our most stunning places of worship with the Cathedrals issue.

Half a century of comedy and horror come together on our Carry On and Hammer stamps, and there's plenty of other important anniversaries to both celebrate and commemorate on our Air Displays and RAF Uniforms issue, and the final in our Lest We Forget series.

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Insects - Action for Species

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Available from Tuesday 15 April

As species around the world struggle for survival, we unearth some beleaguered bugs from the insect world to take centre stage on ten 1st Class stamps.

Mint Stamps
Code: AS435
Price: £3.60

Whether it's pollinating flowers or eating garden pests, our native insects have a vital role to play in our environment.
However changing agricultural practices, pesticides and climate change have all helped to take some of our native species to the brink of extinction. Now thanks to the help of wildlife groups, set aside land and enlightened bug-friendly individuals, some of our most endangered tiny creatures are staging a comeback.

In this issue:
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Take the Field Cricket for example, in the 1980s there were less than 100 of these insects clinging to survival in a single colony. Now thanks to a captive breeding programme at London Zoo over 14,000 crickets have been released back into the wild and the chances for this species are improving all the time.

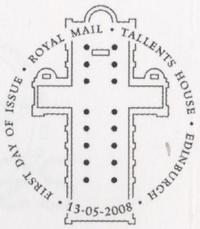
Stamp Cards (10)
Code: AQ120
Price: £4.00

Presentation Pack
Code: AP294
Price: £4.10

Designer Andrew Ross worked closely with the Entomology Department of London's Natural History Museum to highlight ten tough little survivors.

Insects is the second in our Action for Species series of stamps which continues in 2009. The first set - Birds - is available until September 08.

Cathedrals



May 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 **13** 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Available from Tuesday 13 May

Solid and imposing, yet tranquil and serene, the UK's cathedrals offer an oasis of calm in even the busiest of cities. We make a philatelic pilgrimage to some of our most captivating cathedrals on six stamps and a special Miniature Sheet.

Places of architectural and decorative splendour, for more than a thousand years the UK's cathedrals have also been places of quiet reflection, and often refuge.

To capture the awe-inspiring power of these most spiritual of buildings, photographer Peter Marlow took each shot facing towards the high altar, using just the natural light of the church to create the amazing images seen on these six stunning stamps.

Each cathedral has its own fascinating story to tell: Lichfield is the only medieval cathedral in Britain with three spires, Gloucester Cathedral's stained glass windows have one of the earliest depictions of golf, while St Magnus in the Orkney Islands even has its own dungeon.

Mint Stamps
Code: AS436
Price: £3.43

Medal Cover
Code: AM022
Price: £14.95

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
BENEATH LIES BURIED THE FOUNDER OF THIS CHURCH AND CITY,
CHRISTOPHER WREN, WHO LIVED MORE THAN 90 YEARS,
NOT FOR HIMSELF BUT FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD.
READER, IF YOU SEEK HIS MONUMENT, LOOK AROUND YOU.
1st
1st
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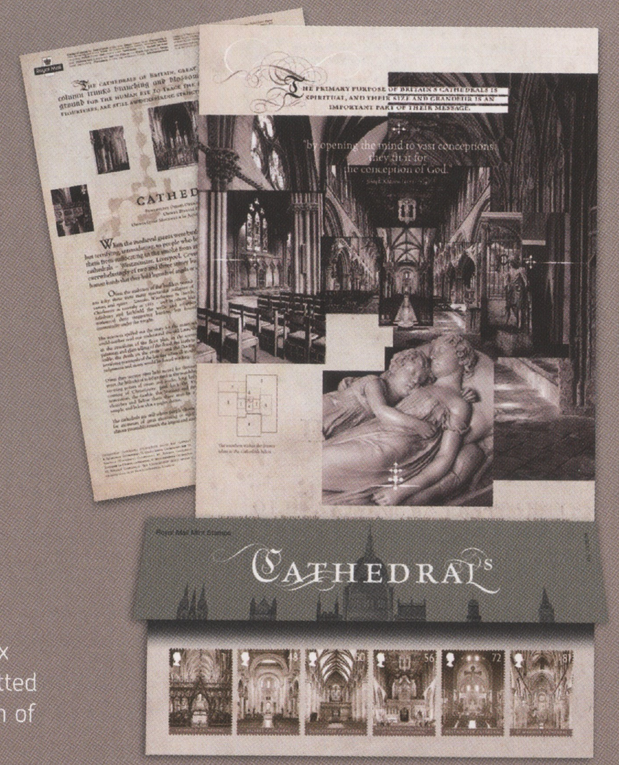
Miniature Sheet
Code: MZ049
Price: £2.34

Presentation Pack
Code: AP295
Price: £6.30

Miniature Sheet
To accompany the Cathedral stamps we are also issuing a special Miniature Sheet featuring the vast interior of Christopher Wren's masterpiece, St Paul's.

The four-stamp sheet, like the stamps, concentrates on the interior of the cathedral, which this year celebrates the 300th anniversary of the last stone being placed on the lantern on the dome of St Paul's.

The sheet's border features a portrait of the master architect and the epitaph written by Christopher Wren junior which appears on his father's tomb.



Presentation Pack
The Cathedrals Presentation Pack, contains all six stamps and the Miniature Sheet along with a potted history of St Paul's Cathedral written by the Dean of the Chapter House of St Paul's.

Classic Carry On and Hammer Films

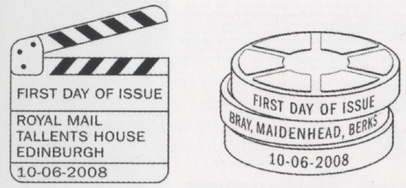
June 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 **10** 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Available from: Tuesday 10 June

Laugh your socks off or hide behind your chair, its up to you as we celebrate classic Carry On and Hammer Horror films on six cinematic stamps.

Mint Stamps
Code: AS443
Price: £3.43

Come back in time to a cinema in 1958, the lights dim and the curtains draw back to reveal Carry On Sergeant, a British film comedy about a bunch of misfits called up for National Service in the Army. Who would have guessed that it was to be the first of a series of 30 films making stars of familiar faces like Sid James, Barbara Windsor and Kenneth Williams.



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MADNESS! ITS EVIL SPELL ENSLAVES! ITS EVIL TOUCH KILLS! KILLS! KILLS!
ALL NEW! IN TERRIFYING TECHNICOLOR!
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NO-ONE WHO SAW IT LIVED TO DESCRIBE IT!
THE CURSE OF FRANKENSTEIN
CERT X
PETER CUSHING HAZEL COURT · ROBERT URQUHART
CHRISTOPHER LEE AS THE CREATURE

Whether it was the high tech world of the modern espionage thriller or riding the range with the Rumpo Kid, the Carry On team were never afraid to send up the latest box office smash.

Two famous examples are featured on the stamps: Sid James played Mark Anthony in Roman epic spoof Carry On Cleo while Fenella Fielding starred in the Hammer Horror parody Carry On Screaming.

But while the Carry On crew were playing it for laughs, Hammer Studios had audiences shaking with fear when, in the same year, they released the first colour version of Dracula.

Stamp Cards (6)
Code: AQ122
Price: £2.40

In the first of many films together, Christopher Lee donned the cloak and fangs of the undead count, while Peter Cushing played the fearless vampire hunter Van Helsing.

Hammer produced a whole host of monster horror movies throughout the next two decades with vampires, zombies, werewolves and witches running amok across the silver screen.

Stamp Card & Stamp Set – Complete with 6 fabulous stamps (3 x 1st and 3 x 56p)
Code: RQ016
Price: £4.39

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"HAMPTON COURT" "NO I ALWAYS STAND LIKE THIS"
"INFAMY, INFAMY, THEY'VE ALL GOT IT IN FOR ME!"
"I SHOULD KILL YOU RIGHT HERE BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO EASY, MY BABY HAS A ROLE IN IT"
"THEY SAY WHEN..."
"GOOD OLD BILL, WHY DO THEY ALWAYS PICK ON HIM?"
"WHAT I DREAMT ABOUT TOO LAST NIGHT" "AND YOU"..."NO, YOU WOULDN'T LET ME!"
"IT'S ALL IN GOOD FUN, OF CORPSE - MOSTLY THE MURDEROUS KIND"
"BEWARE THE BEAT OF CLOTH-WRAPPED FEET!"
"OUT OF THE HELL-FIRE OF HORROR UNIMAGINABLE RISES THE FIGURE OF TERROR INCARNATE!"
"BEAUTIFUL TEMPTRESS OR BLOODTHIRSTY MONSTER? SHE'S THE NEW HORROR FROM HAMMER!"
"DRINK A PINT OF BLOOD A DAY"
IN 1957, Hammer Film Productions Ltd – a small production company known for inexpensive B features – changed the course of horror-film history with The Curse of Frankenstein. For the first time, the famous story was told in
JUNE 1958 – HAMMER FILMS RELEASE DRACULA. AUGUST 1958 – PETER ROGERS DELIVERS CARRY ON SERGEANT, AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF HAMMER HORROR AND CARRY ON COMEDY, BRITAIN STILL SHRIEKS WITH FRIGHT AND SCREAMS WITH LAUGHTER!
THE BIGGEST 'SHOWER' THAT EVER 'REIGNED' IN THE BRITISH ARMY!
CARRY ON SERGEANT
BASED ON A STORY BY R.F. DELDERFIELD.
A 1958 PETER ROGERS PRODUCTION
distributed by ANGLO AMALGAMATED FILM DISTRIBUTORS LTD.
June 1958 Universal-International presents a Hammer Film Production
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DRACULA
THE TERRIFYING LOVER WHO DIED - YET LIVED!
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FROM THE MAKERS OF THE QUATERMASS XPERIMENT
CARRY ON SCREAMING
"THE MUMMY"
Royal Mail Mint Stamps
CLASSIC CARRY ON AND HAMMER FILMS

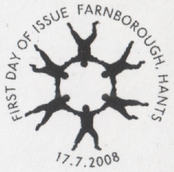
Presentation Pack
Code: AP296
Price: £3.95

Find out more about the two film genres that kept British cinema audiences in laughs and chills in the Presentation Pack.

Film critic Kim Newman takes a fond look back at the saucy adventures of Sid, Babs, Kenneth and the rest of the Carry On gang and examines the gruesome goings on at the Hammer House of Horror.

Carry On Stamp Book
Code: UB288
Price: £2.16

Air Displays



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Available from: Thursday 17 July

It's a hundred years since Wild West showman Samuel F Cody made the UK's first powered flight, so let's open the throttle and loop the loop with six soar-away stamps.

Mint Stamps
Code: AS450
Price: £3.43

Cody's flight on Farnborough Common may have lasted less than 30 seconds, but his brief journey in his hand-built British Army Aeroplane No.1 ignited the British public's love affair with the excitement of flight.

Since then spectators have flocked to air displays and fittingly this issue has been timed to coincide with the 60th Farnborough International Air Show.

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First Day Cover
Code: AF308
Price: £4.51

In addition to the Air Displays stamps we are marking the two anniversaries with a series of anniversary products.

Featuring rare archive photography and 20 1st Class Red Arrows stamps, the Air Displays Generic Sheet is a wonderful nostalgic celebration of air displays.

To ensure authenticity, First Day Covers cannot be ordered after the issue date.

Generic Sheet
Code: AT042
Price: £7.75

We have also teamed up with the Royal Mint to produce a special Farnborough Medal Cover. Issued in a limited edition of 15,000, the Medal Cover charts the history of this famous aviation venue and features all six Air Display stamps cancelled with a special postmark. The medal itself features Cody's first powered flight on one side and the Farnborough Air Show on the reverse.

Olympic Games

August 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 **22** 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Available from: Friday 22 August

At the closing ceremony of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games the Olympic Flag will be handed over from Beijing to London. To mark this great moment, Royal Mail and China Post have worked closely together to create a special commemorative Miniature Sheet.

This is a tale of two cities and of one flag. This summer the Olympic Flag will be handed over from one ancient city to another in a ceremony of great poignancy at the close of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

Issued jointly by Royal Mail and China Post, The Olympic Games Miniature Sheet features two stamps of ancient towers, together with two of modern iconic steel structures.

From Beijing the astonishing mesh of steel of the National Stadium, known to many as the Bird's Nest, sits next to London's iconic London Eye, one of the UK's most striking attractions.

Miniature Sheet
Code: MZ050
Price: £1.44

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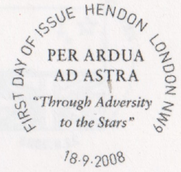
First Day Cover
Code: MF052
Price: £2.17

Presentation Pack
Code: AP298
Price: £1.95

Representing the past tradition of each country, further stamps show Beijing's Corner Tower of the Forbidden City - home to China's Emperors for five centuries - and another former Royal residence, the world-famous Tower of London.

Each stamp in the sheet features the famous Olympic rings - representing the five continents of the world - and the sheet is also available in a superb presentation pack which explores the UK's Olympic prowess.

RAF Uniforms



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Available from: Thursday 18 Sept

Presentation Pack
Code: AP299
Price: £4.05

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Military forces have always striven to reconcile the need for the smartness of Uniform with the practicality and comfort of working dress. Since the 1970s the RAF has adopted pullovers instead of jackets for office-bound personnel. The introduction of 'Jointery' – the Tri-Service concept – has led to the wearing by all three Services of combat clothing made up in disruptive pattern material. Many RAF personnel now therefore wear Combat Soldier 97 when performing duties in the open air.

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Air Force, so its chocks away as we celebrate the men and women of the RAF on six stamps and a special Prestige Stamp Book.

The role played by aircraft in modern warfare was fully recognised with the merging of the Army's Royal Flying Corps with the Royal Naval Air Service in 1918.

And in the second of our Military Uniforms series, we have carefully selected six uniforms which bring to life the many aspects of the RAF; from pilots to plotters and from winchman to Drum Major.

The figures are illustrated by Graham Turner who created last year's British Army Uniforms and has once again brought incredible levels of detail to this anniversary issue.

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First Day Cover
Code: AF309
Price: £4.60

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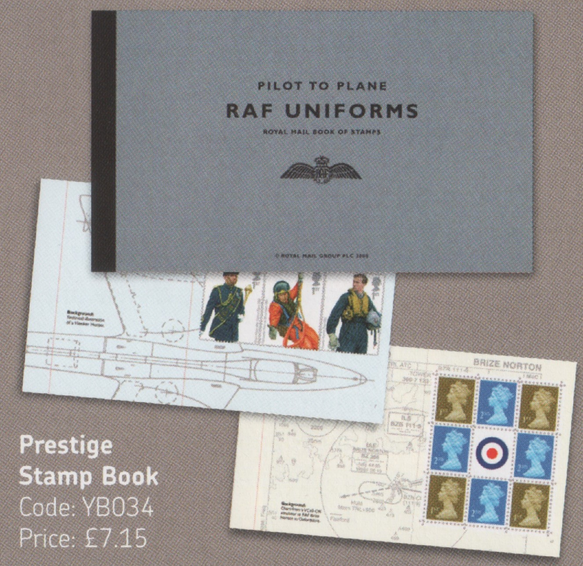
Mint Stamps
Code: AS457
Price: £3.51

Do you know your Fruit Salad from your Scrambled Egg? If not let Andrew Cormack of the RAF Museum show you how to tell Gubbins from Clobber in the fully illustrated Presentation Pack which explains how many of the words we use today come from the services.

Andrew Cormack has also written 'Pilot to Plane' a Prestige Stamp Book which follows the evolution of flying gear from the open cockpits of the First World War to the anti gravity flying suits worn by today's high performance jet fighter pilots.



Prestige Stamp Book
Code: YB034
Price: £7.15

50th Anniversary of Country Definitives

September 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 **29** 30

Available from: Monday 29 Sep

It's fifty years since the introduction of new Country stamps and we are marking this important anniversary with a special Miniature Sheet and other commemorative products.

Miniature Sheet
Code: MZ051
Price: £3.24

Good things come to those who wait, and in the case of the Country Definitive stamps it took more than a decade of debate and wrangling before they were finally issued in August 1958.

Until then symbols representing the countries of the UK appeared on the definitive stamp design, but calls for a 'regional' stamp began as early as 1945 when the Channel Islands requested their own postage stamps.

Eventually after several false starts, individual committees were formed designs selected and after all practical and political issues were resolved, new stamps appeared for Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man.

Now Royal Mail has selected nine original Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland country definitive stamps to appear on the special postally-valid Miniature Sheet seen above.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNTRY DEFINITIVES
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THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE £1 COIN AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNTRY DEFINITIVES

United Kingdom Coin Cover
Code: AN054
Price: £13.50

In this issue:
- Miniature Sheet
- First Day Cover
- Presentation Pack
- Stamp Cards (10)
- Collector Pack
- Prestige Stamp Book
- Press Sheet
- Coin Cover

This year also marks the 25th anniversary of the £1 coin. This joint cover, produced in conjunction with the Royal Mint, combines the 50th Anniversary of the Country Definitives Miniature sheet with a brilliant 2008 £1 coin. The insert card tells the story of the pound coin and its different designs for England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. The reverse of the £1 coin features the Royal arms of the United Kingdom.

To accompany the Miniature Sheet we are issuing a special Prestige Stamp Book, titled The Regional Definitives written by Douglas Muir, Curator of Philately at The British Postal Museum and Archive.

The book looks in detail at the history, development and design of these stamps. It also contains four unique panes, or sheets, of stamps unavailable elsewhere.

Prestige Stamp Book
Code: YB035
Price: £9.72

Women of Distinction

October 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 **14** 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

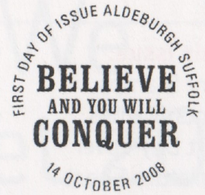
Available from: Tuesday 14 Oct

In a century of radical social change none has been so marked as the role of women, who challenged and defeated significant discrimination to grasp equal opportunities and political power.

Mint Stamps
Code: AS460
Price: £3.43

In 1908 Elizabeth Garrett Anderson became the first woman to be elected as a mayor in the UK, but her passion lay not just in politics, as she also became the first British woman to qualify as a doctor, founding the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital for Women.

Also appearing in this issue is Garrett Anderson's sister Millicent Garrett Fawcett, a tireless campaigner for women's rights who as President of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies was instrumental in securing the right to vote.



In this issue:
- Mint Stamps
- First Day Cover
- Presentation Pack
- Stamp Cards (6)

Presentation Pack
Code: AP300
Price: £3.95

Eleanor Rathbone campaigned for Family Allowances and was elected as an MP in 1929. A year before her death in 1946 she saw them introduced.

Opening her first clinic in Holloway in 1921, Marie Stopes pioneered modern methods of family planning and her work continues in 38 countries around the world through the Marie Stopes International charity.

Claudia Jones campaigned for the rights of the black community in the UK and her lasting legacy is undoubtedly the Notting Hill Carnival, which she helped launch in 1959.

First elected to Parliament in 1945, the Labour MP Dame Barbara Castle spent a lifetime fighting for social causes, key among them was the 1970 Equal Pay Act which she oversaw.

Christmas

In this issue:
- Mint Stamps
- Mints Stamps First Day Cover
- Miniature Sheet
- Miniature Sheet First Day Cover
- Presentation Pack
- Stamp Cards (7)
- Generic Sheet

November 1 2 3 **4** 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Available from: Tuesday 4th Nov

Times may change, but at Christmas rules are rules, and quirky yuletide traditions have to be followed because, well, it's Christmas!

What exactly compels millions of us to go out once a year and purchase a giant flightless bird, a bottle of Advocaat, and a pack of Eat Me Dates remains a mystery, and one that will probably never be solved.

But on whatever level you celebrate the festive period, for more than four decades Royal Mail has been on hand to make sure your Christmas post has that extra sparkle.

This year is no different when a set of new stamps will be issued alongside our popular 1st and 2nd Class Madonna and Child stamps.

Christmas is a time for surprises, and as always, our stamp designs will not be revealed until later in the year, but we can tell you that we have featured this famous Christmas tradition only once in the last 42 years.

Lest We Forget 2008

In this issue:
- Mint Stamps
- First Day Cover
- Presentation Pack
- Miniature Sheet
- Stamp Cards (6)
- Medal Cover

November 1 2 3 4 5 **6** 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Available from: Thursday 6th Nov

The 90th Anniversary of the end of the First World War – is commemorated on the third and final in our Lest We Forget series of anniversary Miniature Sheets issued in time for Remembrance Day.

After four long years of savage fighting, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the guns fell silent over the blasted battlefields and trenches of the Western Front, signalling the end of the bloodiest conflict the world had ever seen.

The final Miniature Sheet in the Lest We Forget series marks the Armistice that ended the First World War and once again a poppy features on a specially designed commemorative stamp, flanked by four regional definitive stamps paying tribute to the soldiers of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

The Lest We Forget series began in 2006 by marking the 90th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, and last year commemorated those who lost their lives at Passchendaele.

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January 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **8** 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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February 1 2 3 4 **5** 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

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Celebrating Northern Ireland

Featuring the stunning countryside, atmospheric cities and glorious landmarks of Northern Ireland

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- Presentation Pack
- Stamp Cards (5)
- Press Sheet

March 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **11** 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Mayday - Rescue at Sea

A tribute to the courageous men and women who risk their lives to save others.

Available now:
- Mint Stamps
- Presentation Pack
- Stamp Cards (6)

March 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 **13** 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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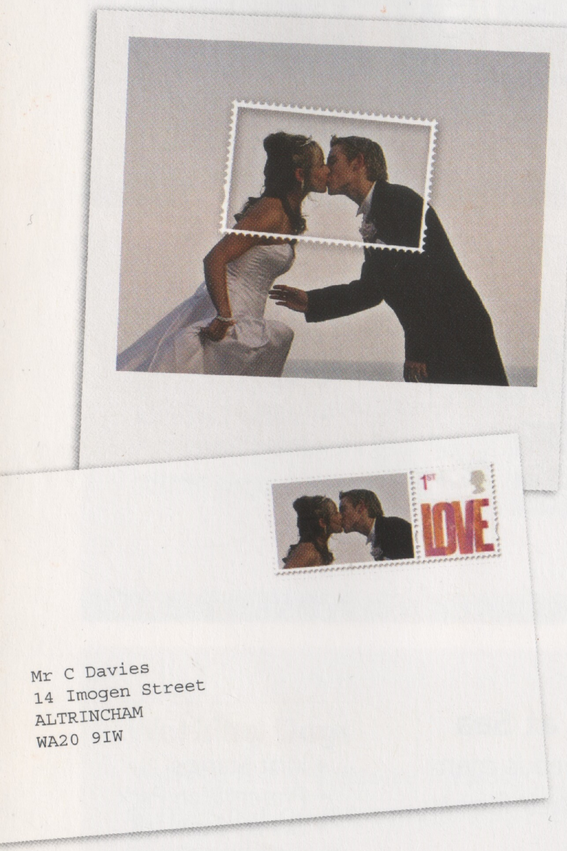

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